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Trees of the Southeastern States. — From the University of North Carolina Press comes an attractive illustrated book of 399 pages on the Trees of the Southeastern States, by W. C. Coker and H. R. Totten.

The region covered, including the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and the northern part of Florida, is one of exceptional interest for students of trees. Some idea of the richness of its forest flora may be had from the fact, as stated in the preface to this book, that there are many more kinds of native trees in North Carolina alone than in the whole of Europe, and as examples of the large development of some of the tree genera it is interesting to note that there are 11 species of pine, 10 of hickory, 29 oaks, 9 magnolias and 13 lindens amongst the 227 native trees described.

The contents of the book include a brief introduction and key to the genera, followed by descriptions and keys to the different species, and in addition a great amount of interesting information on the local range, abundance, and economic value of the different trees, much of which is presented in an original way or is based upon the personal observations of the authors. There is also a short bibliography and glossary for the use of students.

While the treatment is scientific and follows the arrangement of other tree manuals, the language has been designedly made as simple as possible and technical terms are generally avoided or translated both in the keys and in the descriptions, so that they will be readily understood even by those who have very little botanical knowledge. The original outline drawings, showing the leaves, flowers, and fruits of the different trees add greatly to the value of the work. These are very well done, and they bring out clearly the distinctive characters of the different species.

Although designed primarily for students of botany and of forest trees in the southeastern states, and naturally of the greatest value to them, this little book cannot fail to be of interest to tree students everywhere. — ERNEST J. PALMER.